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CALFED is rapidly working on a "fix" for the problems of the Sacramento Delta. The pace of this process has been rapidly accelerated for political reasons. It concerns me that this natural ecosystem which provides water for over 50% of California has fallen victim to political expediency. We can not afford to continue the shunting of water around this valuable ecosystem. If the Bay-Delta Program wishes to preserve the Sacramento Delta as a valuable and viable ecosystem we must proceed in a cautious manner that seeks as its highest motivation to preserve the Sacramento Delta system, not unrestrained growth in Southern California. Efforts need to be made to increase fresh water flows through the Delta system and ensure that San Francisco Bay is not a polluted cesspool. Greater flows of polluted farm effluent have been the result of efforts to increase through Delta flows. Guarantees need to be in place that any efforts to "fix" the Delta system does not result in greater water diversions to Southern California. Unfortunately, that is always the fear when someone wants to fix the Delta. I support Clean Water Action's efforts to bring the concerns of the common person and wildlife before the CALFED planners. The Bay Delta Program is rapidly falling under the heavy hands of powerful monied interests and politicians. Any fix that is decided upon for the Delta needs to repair the years of excessive water diversions and leave us with a healthy Bay and Delta system. The guiding principles of the Bay Delta plan need to focus on an end to waste, an end to rampant growth, and a restoration of fresh water to an ecosystem that not only serves as a nursery and habitat for billions of organisms, but a source of clean water for millions of California's citizens. Clean Water Action is group that is promoting ideas that make sense for the Delta. There is a voice that needs to be listened to and heeded, without it I fear that we will end up with a mini-Peripheral Canal, a dead Delta, and heavy debts as we try technological wizardry to solve the problems we have caused within the Delta.

Cordially,



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